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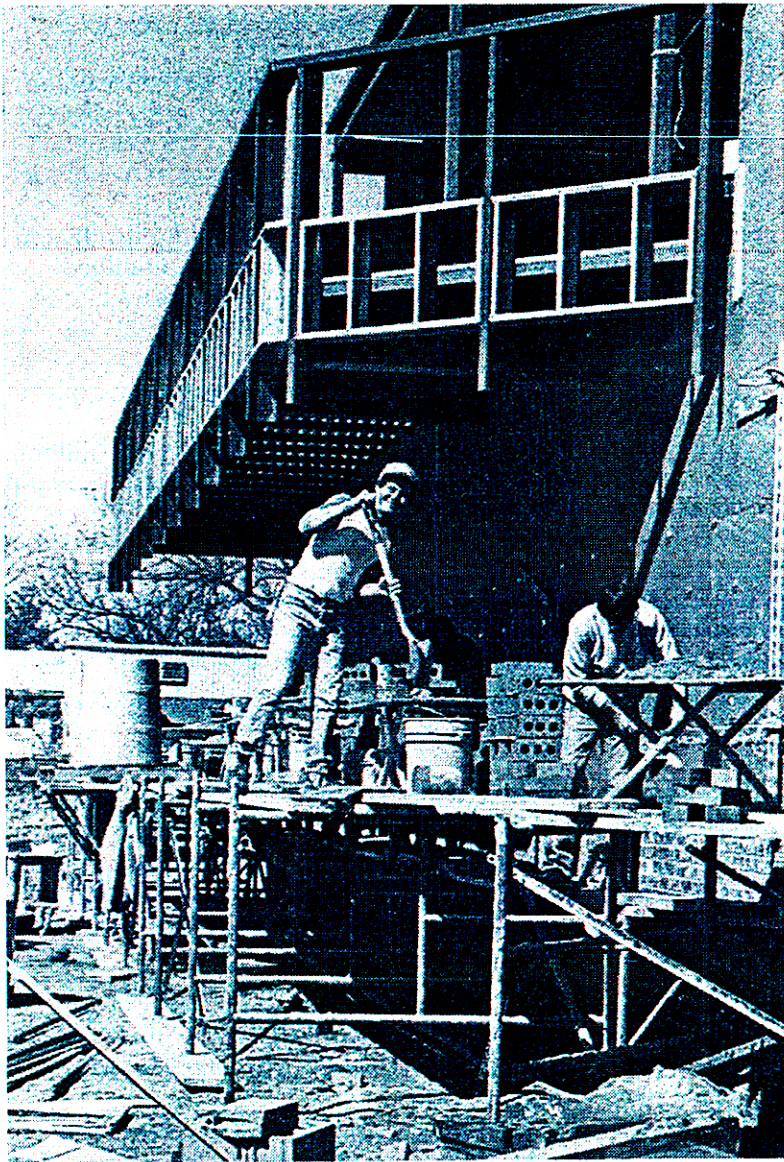
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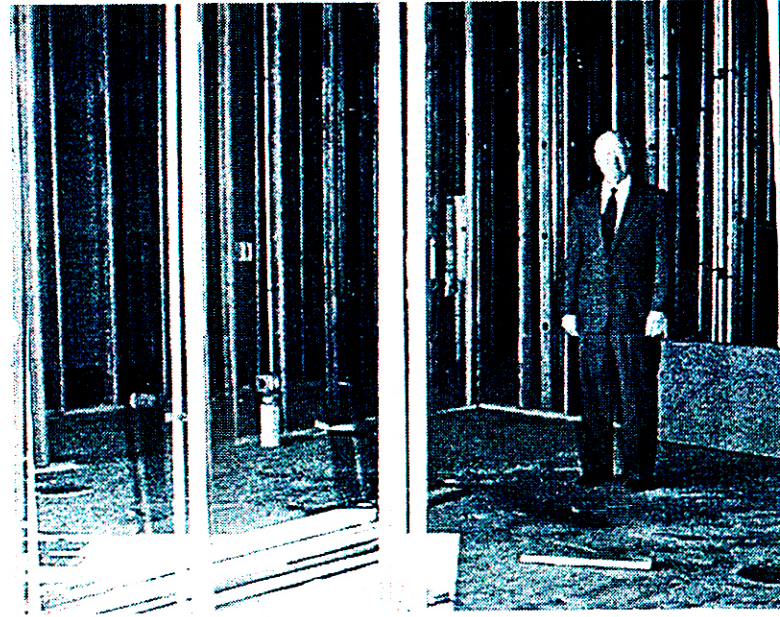
Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe

March 1994

Building a bank ...



You can begin to tell what it's going to look like, and the two-story structure that will house the tribally-owned First Oklahoma Bank is creating a lot of comment in the Shawnee area. Beautiful spring days in March found craftsmen and technicians swarming about the site, working on walls, electrical connections, plumbing and the myriad other parts of the construction process. At left, bricklayers are at work while below, bank president Murlin Derebery stands in what will be his office. The new facility will be completed sometime this summer.



Tribe scores major victory in land case

The Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe has won a significant victory in the federal court battle to prevent the Absentee Shawnee Tribe from putting land the Potawatomi people purchased a century ago into trust.

The Potawatomi Tribe's victory before the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals amounted to a setback for the Absentee Shawnees, even though that tribe has yet to appear in court in connection with this case.

A three-judge panel of the appeals court ruled on Feb. 28 that a federal district court abused its discretion in dismissing a suit in which the Potawatomi Tribe tried to keep the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) from putting additional land in trust for the Absentee Shawnees within the area the Potawatomis maintain is their former reservation. That area lies roughly between the Canadian rivers on the north and south, the Indian Meridian on the west and the Seminole County line on the east.

The ruling could conceivably affect Tecumseh Square and the old TG&Y property, both of which are now owned by the Absentee Shawnees, as well other properties the Shawnees want to put into trust.

Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett hailed the 10th Circuit decision, calling it "the first step in righting a wrong that was made nearly 125 years ago." Barrett said the dispute went back to the 1860s, when members of the Citizen Band sold their interest in a Kansas reservation and purchased the Pottawatomie County land from the federal government. When they arrived here, they found Absentee Shawnees already on the land.

Michael Minnis, the attorney for the Potawatomis, said the tribe has a motion for summary judgement now pending in district court.

Minnis also said that by ruling as it did, the appellate court reinstated a temporary injunction prohibiting new land being

Capps, Davis re-elected without opposition

Tribal Vice President Linda Capps and Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis will appear on the tribal election ballot unopposed June 26.

Despite rumors that challengers would file for the two Business Committee posts, no one else had presented filing papers when the deadline rolled around at 5 p.m. March 30. That means, in effect, that they are automatically re-elected, although their names will appear on the ballot.

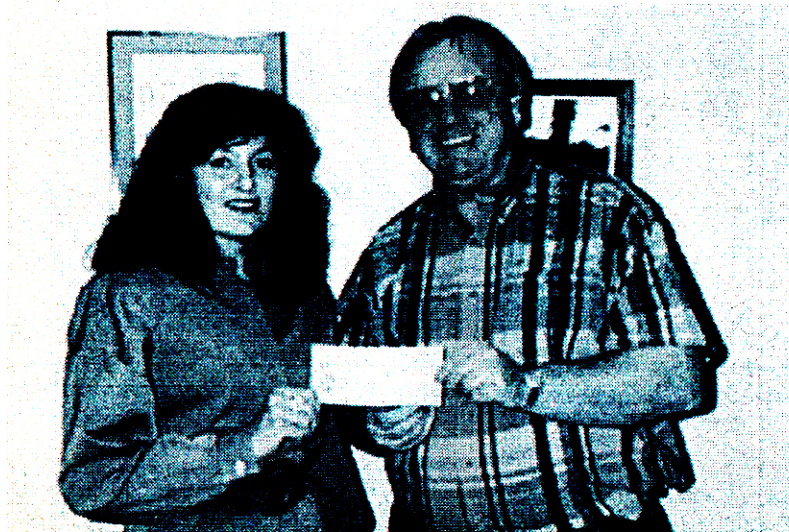
Both positions on the Business Committee will be filled for four year terms. Also on the ballot will be the annual budget for expenditure of the interest earned on set-aside funds.



Davis, Capps after filing for office March 28

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TRIBAL TRACTS



Tribe Awarded Grant

The Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe was recently awarded a \$250,000 grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to pay for the completion of the second floor of the new First Oklahoma Bank building, which is now under construction in Shawnee next door to the existing bank building. First Oklahoma president Murlin Derebery was instrumental in securing the grant, which the tribe applied for some time ago. Shown presenting the check to tribal administrator and secretary-treasurer Bob Davis is Freida Satepeahaw of the BIA credit department. Also working on the project was Bill Titchywy of the same department.

JTPA summer program will offer special skills in several areas

This year the Potawatomi JTPA Summer Youth Program has been planned from the federal government's initiative to provide educational opportunities for the economically disadvantaged youth, school dropouts, and youth at-risk of not going back to school.

Richard Carter, Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech's Special Projects Coordinator, has designed an eight week project class scheduled for June and July. A Cultural Enhancement/Counselor Program is planned to teach basic courses that will enable participants ages 14-21 to develop skills that will train them in the area of counseling. Independent Living and Skill Building is another segment offering computer aided Math, English, and career exploration.

Applications will become available through area schools and the Potawatomi JTPA Program located below the tribal museum and gift shop beginning the first week of April. Participants will be selected by federal income guidelines, the need for classed to keep students in school and the need for General Equivalency Diplomas (GEDs).

For further information contact the 1994 Summer Youth Program Coordinator, Ardeena Angelo at 275-3121, extension 274.

Smith family reunion set June 25, 26

Descendants of Frank Smith will hold a family reunion June 25 and 26 during the annual Potawatomi Pow Wow.

Members of the Kinslow, Dodson and Smith families will gather in Tecumseh at the Copeland Building in Charles Martin Park.

Rhodd reunion June 18, 19 at Sacred Heart

The second annual Rhodd Family Reunion will be held June 18 and 19 at Sacred Heart Mission near Konawa, Oklahoma.

For more information contact Sandra Allen Mitchell, P.O. Box 172, Asher, OK 74826, (405) 784-5555, or Steve Rhodd, P.O. Box 261, Asher, OK 74826, (405) 784-2288.

TRIBAL ELECTION NOTICE

The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 25, 1994. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be made by June 5, 1994. Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request.

A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set-aside funds, as well as election of the Tribal Vice Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, will also be on the ballot.

Requests for tribal election ballots should be mailed to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P. O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

Work underway to restore Abbey gardens

By Martha Mary McFaw, CSJ
(Reprinted from *The Konawa Leader & Maud News-Recorder*, Feb. 17, 1994)

It may come as a surprise to you, but there were formal gardens at Sacred Heart Mission more than 100 years ago. These beautiful paths and flower beds were the first formal gardens in Indian Territory.

Today the Benedictine abbey and the school conducted by the Sisters of Mercy have been razed. Sacred Heart Abbey moved to Shawnee and is now St. Gregory's Abbey and College. St. Mary's School has moved to Oklahoma City and is now Mount St. Mary's High School.

Today with exception of two small buildings and two cemeteries, Sacred Heart is a wide expanse of land, but you can still see untended clumps of daffodils, wisteria arbors, spiraea, boxwood, and rows of catalpa and cedar trees.

The presence of the formal gardens has been documented. Sacred Heart was placed on the National Register some years ago, and the gardens were mentioned. The Oklahoma Historical Society got interested. They contacted JoAnne Vervinck, a partner in the landscape and architectural firm of Great Plains Design in Oklahoma City. She applied for and received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to research and document these gardens. Hers was the only art design grant given 1992 for such a project.

Vervinck is enthusiastic about her discoveries.

"These gardens were something you just didn't see anywhere else," she said. "They were civilization in the woods in what is now the southern part of Pottawatomie County. I'm not only interested in the gardens but how they came to be. The abbey was built in 1877. The first

monastery was 300 feet long, and two stories high. It burned down in 1901 and it was rebuilt. But the gardens were started in the interval between 1877 and 1901. Which priest or brother was responsible for designing and planting? Why did he do it?

"I can conjecture. These Benedictines were 70 miles from the railhead in Atoka. They were literally in the wilderness, away from everything they know and loved. Probably one or some of them were creating a place of beauty, a place like home. They could use it for contemplation and prayer.

"The Benedictines came from France. There is some evidence of French gardens. The double row of sculptured cedars were pruned into conical shapes. They're neglected now, but the bottoms are still conical. The tops have grown up.

"We've discovered a garden laid out in bricks in the shape of a cross. This leads to another part in the shape of a heart.

"I put together a slide presentation," she went on. "I don't yet know the total design. What was it? Why? I want to find out."

There has been a revival of interest in Sacred Heart Mission. Some of it stems from the work of Vervinck. People who live in Konawa and Oklahoma City and others who live at a distance have

established the Sacred Heart Mission Historical Society. They meet four times a year.

They have repaired the gate, put a new roof and new windows on one of the small buildings there. They have cleared away the underbrush. They have set up a security patrol to prevent vandalism.

And now that the property has been cleared of brush, more of the gardens is visible.

On Feb. 19, the Historical Society met at Sacred Heart Church to consider several options. Do they want to make a historical park there? A retreat area? Should they replant the gardens?

"We think Sacred Heart is a holy place," Beverly Hodges of Konawa said. "It's part of the church's heritage. It means a lot to us."

Vervinck is delighted that so many people are interested.

"Some people want to save historic buildings," she said. "But it is just as important to save the landscape. Once lost, it can't be regained."

Vervinck will give a walking tour through Sacred Heart April 17. All are welcome. In the meantime she is still looking for photos of the gardens. They could be valuable even if the gardens only serve as background for photos of people.

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Econo Lodge, 5107 N. Harrison (405) 275-6720

Holiday Inn, Hwy. I-40 and Hwy. 18 (405) 274-4404

Motel 6, 4981 N. Harrison (405) 275-5310

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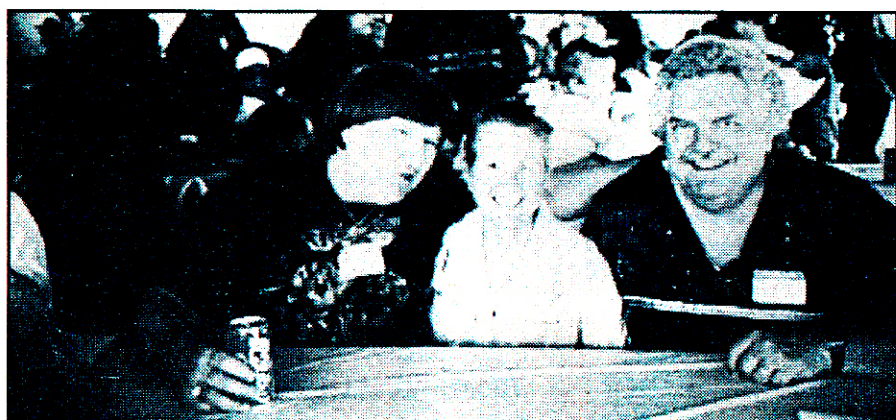
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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING



Bob Davis, Gene Bruno and J.P. Motley



Left to right: Matthew Melot of Coyote, Maxine Forester of Willows, and Chuck Melot of Santa Clara.



Johnny Rice and Ether Lowden



Traveled longest distance: Robert Wall of Delanson, New York.



J.P. Motley, committeeman, and his cousin, Beatrice Molina of Los Vanos, Calif.

Photos By
Linda Capps



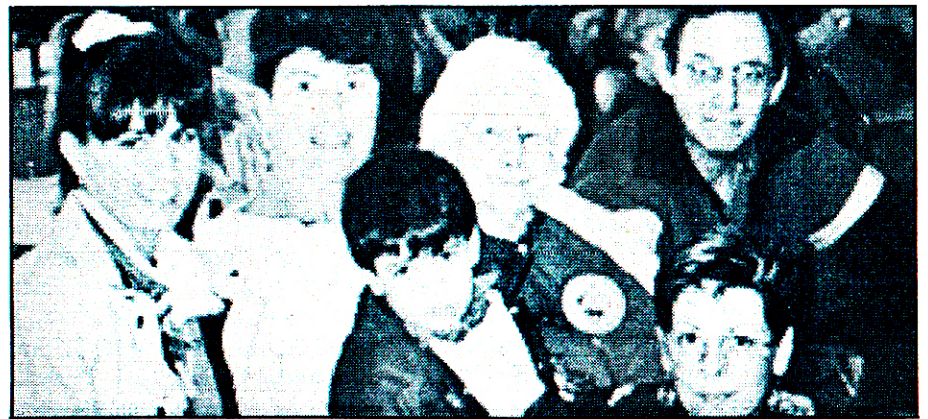
Alvin Willmet with niece, Sue (seated). Standing is his daughter Carol (left) and wife Judy.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING



Don Bergman, Council member of the city of Merced, presents a proclamation to John Barrett and Gary Bibb designating Potawatomi Day.

**Merced, California
March 5, 1994**



Descendent of Ogee family: Winzola Green with her family (left to right) Michelle Green, Pat Green, great-grandson Jay Basalia, and Tom and Ginger Urihnek.



Youngest enrolled member present, Rachel Ellen Potter, 3 months old, with mother Barbara. They are from Oakland, Calif.



Wisest member present, Mr. Bibb, 83 years old.



Kelli Bibb (left) and Amy Lerner, daughters of Beverly and Gary Bibb, registered tribal members and guests.

TRIBAL TRACTS

Full-time tribal pharmacist on duty; guidelines listed

By Joyce Abel, R.N.

Due to the generosity of our chairman, John Barrett Jr., and his commitment to continually improve the services to our people, we have a full-time pharmacist.

He is Tom Sauer, who recently retired from Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City. Tom lives in Oklahoma City, is married, has children and grandchildren.

The pharmacy is located in the Health Services Building and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tom will be available for phone calls concerning problems or concerns of the medicines you are taking.

Please follow the guidelines listed below.

No Cost:

1. Those persons referred from IHS
2. Those persons age 60 and above

Cost plus 10% per each prescription will be charged for medicine written by pharmacy outside of IHS.

1. Tribal members under 60 years of age
2. Tribal dependants
3. Tribal employees

Refills: Please call 2 days in advance.

Formulary: In order to purchase more of the expensive chronic disease medications that must be taken regularly, over the counter medicines and control drugs will not be available.

Medicaid Participants: You may use any pharmacy of your choice in your area even if you use the IHS Clinic.

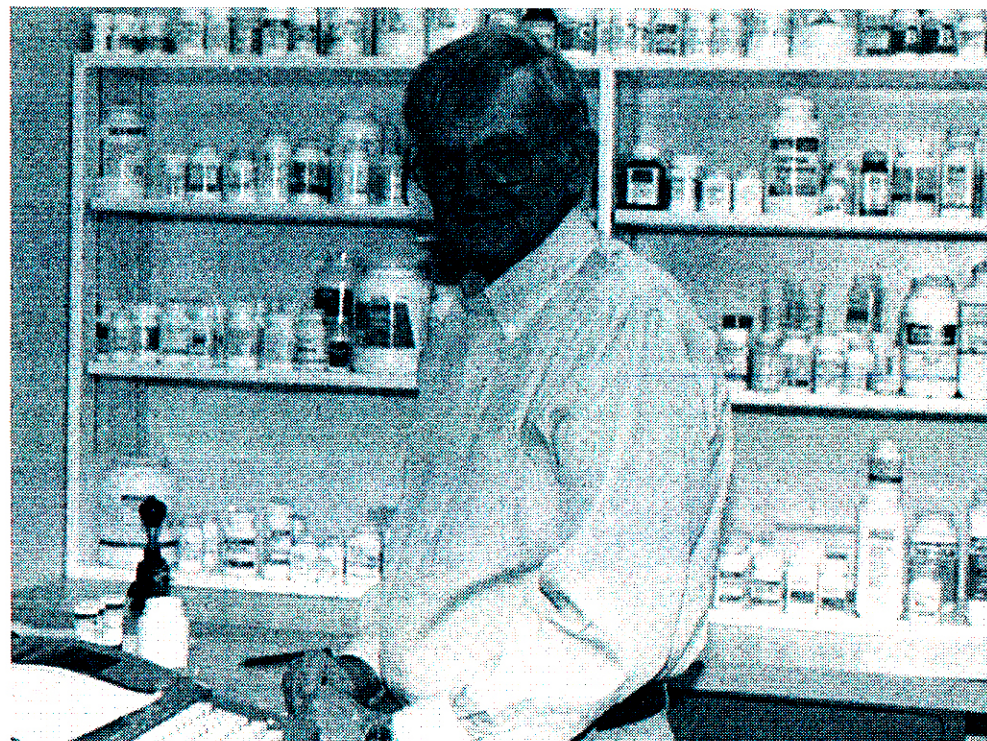
Additions to the formulary will be made to meet your needs as funds become available.

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2.5mg; Macrodantin, 50mg; Meclizine, 25mg; Metaproteronol Sulf., Inh.; Metaproteronol Sulf., 10mg/5ml; Metaproteronol, 20mg; Methocarbamol, 500mg; Methyldopa, 250mg; Metoclopramide, 10mg; Metoprolol, 100mg; Metronidazole, 250mg; Monistat-7, vag.; Monopril, 10mg; Motrin, 400mg; Motrin, 600mg; Ibuprofen, 800mg; Ibuprofen, 800mg; Ibuprofen, 800mg; Mycellex-7, vag.; Mylagen, II; PCE, 500mg; Niacin, 50mg; Niacin, 500mg; Nifedipine, 10mg; Nitrol Oint. 2; Nitrostat, 0.4mg; Nitroglycerin, 2.5mg; Nitroglycerin, 6.5mg; Nizoral, 200mg; Nolvadex, 10mg; Nortriptyline, 10mg; Ortho-Novum, 1/35; Ortho-Novum, 7/7/7; Otic Susp., 10ml;

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Tagamet, 300mg; Tagamet, 400mg; Tegretol, 200mg; Tehacycline, 250mg; Tetracycline Cap.; Theophylline, 200mg; Theophylline, 300mg; Thioridazine HCL, 25mg; Thyroid, 1gr; L-Thyroxine Sodium, 0.1g; Timoptic, 5% 5ml; Trifluoperazine, 2mg; Tolbutamide, 500mg; Transcop, disc; Trazodone HCL, 50mg; Trental, 400mg; Triamcinolone cream, 0.1%, 60gm; Triamterene/HTCZ, 50/25; Trimox, 125/5; Trimox, 125/5; Triple Antibiotic Oint.; Vasotec, 20mg; Ventolin, Inh.; Ventolin, Inh.; Verapamil, 80mg; Zantac, 150mg; Zantac, 300mg; Zestril, 10mg.

Health Services offers tips for preventing child abuse

Sexual abuse of a child often occurs by an older person who uses force or fear to control a child. Abuse can be an isolated incident or it can go on for years. Frequently a child who is being sexually abused will not tell.

REASONS FOR NOT TELLING

1. A child may not tell because they don't know better. The abuser may be a trusted adult who tells the child that sexual activity between an adult and a child is normal.

2. A child may not tell because they are afraid they or another member of their family will be hurt if they tell.

3. A child may not tell because they have been tricked into thinking they are responsible for the abuse.

4. A child may not tell because they told and no one listened or believed them. (Sometimes adults do not understand what the child is trying to say.)

INDICATORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

- A. Reluctance to go with someone or to someone's house or sudden fear of someone or someplace they regularly go.

- B. Sexual knowledge you would not expect a child to have.

- C. Demonstrating adult sexual behavior with a smaller child.

WHAT TO DO IF A CHILD TELLS YOU OF ABUSE

Tell the child you are glad they told you. Tell them that you believe them and that you plan to get help for the problem.

Reassure the child that it was not their fault. Remember that younger children almost never lie about this subject.

HOW CAN ABUSE BE PREVENTED

A one time discussion with a child will not give them the knowledge and skills they need to prevent being abused. Children need on-going knowledge and support from their parents. Parents can attend and support school based prevention projects such as "Let's Talk about Touching," "Rhonda Rabbit" or "The Safe Child Program."

Parents can also get prevention materials from the Department of Human Services. To receive a free handout on this subject send a SASE to: Rick Short, District Five Prevention, 1901 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801.

State law requires that those who suspect sexual abuse of a child should report that to the Dept. of Human Services at the toll-free hotline, 1-800-522-3511.

Some little people need your help

Little people need big people, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters needs you! If you are interested in forming a lasting and rewarding friendship with a child who needs you, contact Marnie Glasgow at Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Pott. and Sem. Counties, 407 N. Louisa, Shawnee, OK 74801, 275-3553. Find out how you can make an impact on a child's life.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters is seeking donations of hardback books, paperback books, encyclopedias, magazines, collectors items, comic books, anything for their book fair in later this spring. Drop off donations at the BB/BS Office, 407 N. Louisa; Shawnee Color Lab - 123 N. Union; Rave Sound Systems, 129 W. MacArthur (all in Shawnee) or Family Dollar in Tecumseh, 1100 Holly Lane.

For more information call 275-3553.

Walking on ...

CHESTER G. LOGSDON

Chester G. Logsdon, longtime Newkirk resident, died the evening of February 5, 1994, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas. He was 72.

Mr. Logsdon was born June 17, 1921 at Washunga, Oklahoma. He was a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Shawnee, Oklahoma. He grew up in Washunga and Kaw City, and received his education from Kaw City. After graduation, he worked in construction at Boeing Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas and later in the oil fields.

He joined the United States Army in August of 1942 and served with the 7th Army in Europe with the Army Engineer Group. He was discharged December 11, 1945 at Camp Chaffe, Arkansas. He returned to Kaw City and married Elizabeth James at Winfield, Kansas on April 1, 1946. They made their home in Kaw City where Chet was in the grocery store business and later moved to Newkirk.

He was employed at Cities Service Oil Company until 1960. He was then employed with the Ranney-Davis Mercantile Company of Arkansas City, Kansas, as a food broker until 1979. Chet worked for the Kay County Assessor's Office from 1980 until he retired in June of 1989. He was retired at the time of his death.

He was a member of the American Legion Post #14, Veterans of Foreign Wars in Newkirk, First Christian Church, and in 1970, was a member of the Board of Oklahoma Athletes Hall of Fame.

Survivors include his wife Elizabeth (James) Logsdon of the home; his son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Janice Logsdon of Newkirk; three grandchildren, Melissa Marie and Juliann Logsdon of Newkirk; Jayme Lyn of Bedford, Texas and her fiancée' Jack Thornton; great-grandchildren Bobby Jack and Krystal Marie of Bedford, Texas. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews of Oklahoma City, Lovington, New Mexico and Stockton, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert T. and Nancy (Pappan) Logsdon; two brothers, Robert Wade and James Logsdon; three sisters, Juliann Dick, Louise Jones Smith, and Eunice Jackson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 8, at the First Christian Church in Newkirk with the Rev. Richmond Adams officiating. Burial followed in the Washunga Cemetery.

VERNE DELORES HARSH

Verne Delores Harsh, 78 of 1202 East 23rd St., Hutchinson, Kansas, died Feb. 15, 1994, at Golden Plains Health Care Center, Hutchinson, Kansas.

She was born Feb. 11, 1916, at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, the daughter of Tillman and Mary Copough Clapp. A Hutchinson resident for the past 37 years, formerly of Crawford, Kansas, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include five daughters, Edna Funk, Hillsboro, Kansas; Janice Kitson, Lancaster, Texas; Verla Brewer, Hutchinson, Kansas; Betty Crawford, Nickerson, Kansas; and Juanita Irene Monroe, Haviland, Kansas; a brother, Tillman Clapp, Waynesville, Missouri; 19 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and her Potawatomi tribal family.



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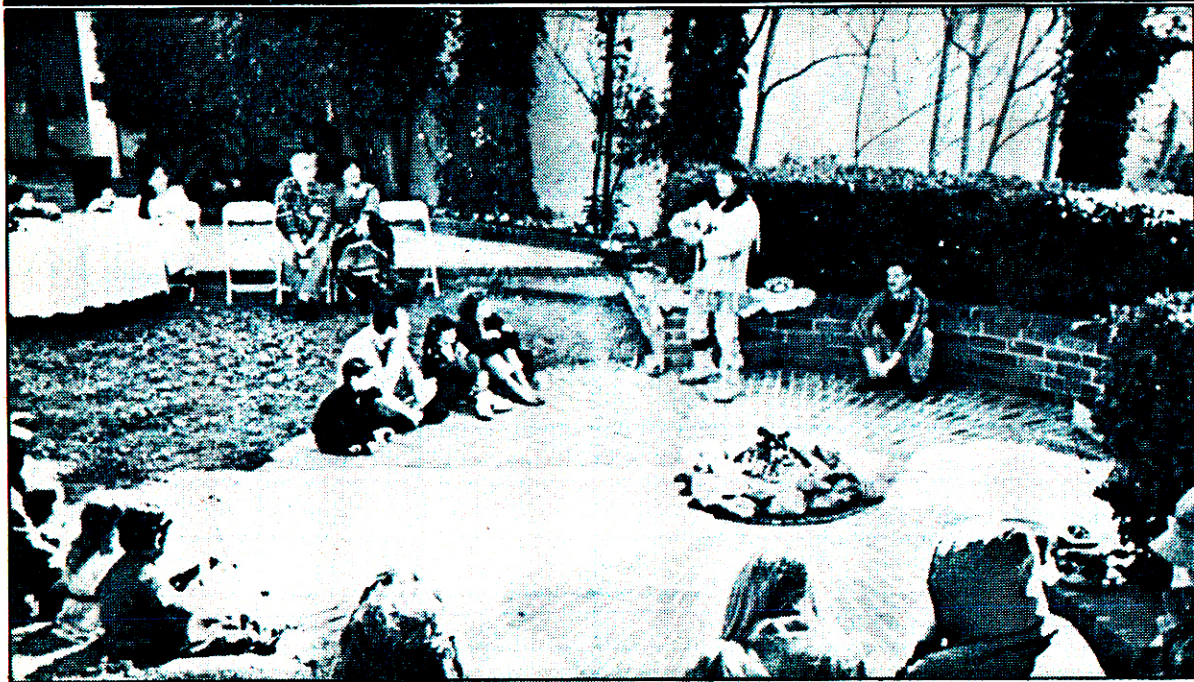
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Story teller Jerry Running Deer a member of a Southern California Mission Indian Tribe, from San Juan Capistrano.

Feb. 19, 1994



Guest Book: Tribal member Darlene Elliott, Longdale, California, and friend Michelle Albertella.



Hilton Melot with his cousin Mike Ellis & wife Linda from Arleta, California.



Tiffany Barnett, 8, Whittier, CA.



Youngest enrolled member: Ed McCollum holds his 6 1/2 month old son, Ross James.

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David Whittal of Phoenix, AZ
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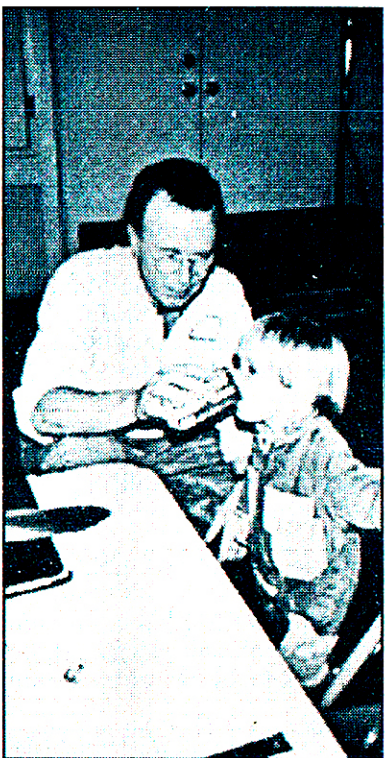
Pasadena, CA.



Both Loretta and Howard Peltier (brother and sister) were presented gifts from the gift shop for being the wisest members. They are relatives of Chairman Barrett.



Three year old Steven D. Vargas.



Regional Coordinator Jeremy Finch with two year old son, Ellis.



Tribal Accounting Director Carolyn Sullivan and Hilton Melot with Carolyn's daughter Lynn Givens, who lives in Brentwood, California.

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HOUSTON

I write this in anticipation of our Council meeting, to be held in a little more than three weeks, and you read it after the fact.

So ... it is always a pleasure to meet and talk with you. I hope to hear from more of you in the near future, and to know you all eventually. I hope you found something at Council that enriched your life in some way, and you made some new friends, and you are now ready to explore more fully your history, heritage and culture as Citizen Band Potawatomi people.

If anyone among you can speak our native language, and feel qualified to teach, please contact me. It is my hope to arrange a class as soon as a teacher can be located. I think that all of would be willing to contribute a small fee to pay a teacher for the privilege of learning. I would like to hear your thoughts on that. I feel it is my obligation to learn, and to pass on our language if I am able.

Now to the next event at hand ... a POW WOW will be held on April ninth at the University of Houston School of Optometry campus, in conjunction with the annual Frontier Fiesta Day celebration. This annual event commemorates and honors contributions of all of the people who built the State of Texas, and most certainly Native Americans need to be acknowledged in this effort. Instead of the usual vendors present at a pow wow, there will be booths presenting information about all the different service and health care providers in the area. While the "Indian" community learns about these services, these providers will be learning about our customs and needs.

I urge you to come celebrate with us, use this opportunity to meet members of our Tribes represented in the Houston Area, and learn about the health services available now, and those to come.

The Intertribal Pow Wow will also be held on Saturday, April 9, at The Salvation Army Temple Corps Community Center at 4516 Irvington Blvd., in Houston. The covered dish dinner begins at 5:30 pm. Gourd Dancing starts at 6:30 and the Grand Entry is a 8:00 p.m. The Head Man Dancer in April is Rex Fremont, Head Lady Dancer is Connie Swearington, Head Singer is Herbert Johnson, Jr., and the Master of Ceremonies is Mike McMinn.

Call me for the date and time of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce meeting, keeping in mind that this meeting is usually the third Wednesday of the month.

The Alabama-Coushatta Pow Wow is April 2 at Livingston.

I certainly welcome any and all thoughts you have regarding how I can best serve as your Area Representative. And all the help you feel you have time to offer. I would like to have a meeting, after the June Pow Wow in Shawnee, to plan future events. I will be working to that end.

My very best regards from Southwest Texas,

Megwetch,
Lu Ellis

PASADENA

Bourzho from Pasadena!

Well, I'm happy to report another successful Southern California Regional Council Meeting. Those of you who attended already know that we had one of the best regionals ever. For some reason, it's always nip and tuck in terms of weather, always 20, 30, or 40% chance of rain — and as it usually turns out, we had wonderful dry, clear skies. Last year, it hailed the day after the meeting. This year, it rained cats and dogs that night.

Many thanks to the Business Committee for taking time away from their families, work, and community activities to share a meal and their wisdom with us. Leadership like theirs is rare and very valuable. Keep in mind that these people give a lot and receive nothing in return but our gratitude. Please take the time to send a note, call Shawnee and leave a message, or thank them in person next time you can.

At the regional meeting, I was handed a note written by tribal member Pat Reynolds who wanted to know about some important issues: medical help and information regarding education, work, etc.

Experience has taught me that for every note someone has taken the time to write, there are dozens of people concerned about the same issues. For that reason, I'll respond to Pat's note here in our column.

On the first issue, medical help, any tribal member can call me at the number listed in the Regional Office Directory printed in this paper. I'll give you the telephone number and address of the nearest Indian Health Service facility or American Indian Free Clinic and you can get immediate help there. Don't turn your nose up at those clinics, either. They do excellent work. I can cite examples of Potawatomi tribal members who've even been picked up at home by clinic drivers and given a ride back home after their appointments! Also, insofar as the tribe's direct involvement goes, I can send you the forms for reimbursement for prosthetic devices including eyeglasses.

And regarding the other issue, information: Your tribe is very interested in you receiving up to date, accurate information on all services and benefits available to you not only as a Citizen Band Potawatomi, but as a Native American citizen. It's an important reason your present tribal government created this and the other regional offices — for your direct benefit. Please take advantage of the services we provide. In doing so, you strengthen the regional representation program, which benefits us all.

Announcements:

Come to the Earth Day celebration this year! It's scheduled for April 23 all throughout Brookside Park in Pasadena, (site of our 1993 Regional Council Meeting). THIS IS AN OPEN CALL TO ALL SO CALL POTAWATOMI TO COME TOGETHER IN THE NATIVE AMERICAN VILLAGE.

The SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INDIAN CENTER OFFICE has moved because of earthquake damage. The new address is 6309 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 104, Van Nuys, CA 91401.

If you would like to be a foster parent to an American Indian child, please call Indian Child and Family Services, Southern California Indian Center, (213) 387-5772.

Cavaleri & Associates, a recognized and licensed talent agency, is seeking Native American performers for theatrical and commercial representation. Send photo and resume (if available) to Cavaleri & Associates, Attn: Dan Harjo, 6605 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 220, Hollywood, CA 90028.

In the San Diego area the Museum of Man still has available for your viewing the "FACT, FUN, FANTASY; NAVAJO PICTORIAL WEAVINGS FROM THE STEVE AND CLEVES WEBER COLLECTION."

Also open now through May 1: "ARTISTS MEET ACROSS THE AGES," and "WITH HOLES IN THEIR HEADS: ANCIENT PERUVIAN SKULL SURGERY."

For information on these and other Museum of Man exhibits, call (619) 239-2001. Bring your tribal ID card for free admission.

NATIVE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP SERVICES are held every 2nd and 4th Sunday in our region. You're asked to bring a dish to share at the potluck that follows the service, and childcare is provided. For exact locations, call Reverend Buddy Monahan (Choctaw/Maricopa) at (310) 670-5076 (office) or (310) 643-5793 (home).

AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING SERVICES' new telephone number is: (213) 353-6026.

For AMERICAN INDIAN CABLE TV information, call Don Thornton at (310) 920-7227.

The Fontana Native American Indian Center offers a NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE PROGRAM every Tuesday evening 6-9 pm and every Saturday 9 am - 12 noon. Instructors are Harold WithHorn (Hunkpapa Lakota), and Roy Wade (Choctaw). NORTHERN PLAIN SONG AND DANCE every Sunday at 2 pm, potluck. SWEAT LODGE Wednesday or Friday 7 pm. The instructor is Orville Little Owl (Mandan, Hunkpapa Lakota), with Robert Jacobo, Taite Honidick, and others assisting. NATIVE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL GATHERING every third Sunday, 5 pm, potluck. The instructor is Kenneth Hood, Sr. (Shawnee). The JUNIOR RANGERS, (all youth welcome) meets every other Saturday 9 am - 12 noon. For more info, call (909) 823-6150 or 350-6709.

The Golden State Gourd Dance Society announces that they have been invited as special guests to the following future powwows: UCLA Pow wow, (April 30), Stanford Pow wow, (May 6, 7) and Eagle Point Pow wow at Lake Casitas (May 20, 21, 22). Call this office for contact names and numbers or call the GSDS office at (213) 482-7615.

And a few reminders:

Tutoring services are available in both Orange and Los Angeles Counties —FREE OF CHARGE! Contact tutor coordinator Renee Dusseau, (213) 728-8844.

The Southern California Indian Center has an AMERICAN INDIAN SENIOR CENTER in Garden Grove. Available to those 55 and older, it's a warm and friendly gathering place to make friends, share culture, enjoy a hot meal, and receive supportive services. Call (714) 530-0221 Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. for info.

Martial arts instruction is available to Native American people 18 years or older AT NO CHARGE! The classes are held at Cal State LA and run from 6-8 pm every Thursday night.

The Southern California Indian Center, Inc. is sponsoring a POW WOW DANCE WORKSHOP available to American Indian students (up through 12th grade). Included are traditional and fancy dance styles representing both Northern and Southern tribes. Also included is instruction on regalia design and construction. The classes will be held on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Southwest Museum in Los Angeles (site of our 1994 Regional Council meeting). Call (213) 728-8844 for more information.

Are any of you bowling in the AMERICAN INDIAN BOWLING ASSOCIATION? If not, and you want to, call Betty Tsonetokkey at (818) 968-7691 for info.

Call your Southern California Regional Office for specifics on any of the above.

And remember, when attending any Native American event, wear your Potawatomi ball cap, tee-shirt, jacket, or button, all available through our tribal store. And get out there into that circle and DANCE! Let's let everyone know how proud we are to be Potawatomi!

Megwetch,
Jeremy Bertrand Finch

REGIONAL OFFICE REPORTS

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Texas (Dallas)April 23, 1994
Kansas CityMay 14, 1994

MERCED

Bourzho from Merced,

I write this after leaving the Tribal Meeting of March 5 and find the joy and happiness of having spent the past several days with our "People."

We had more than 450 in attendance with all of the good things that go with any gathering of family. Even though we had rain forecast for all day, we had sunshine until noon and only a short rainfall during the time of eating. A beautiful rainbow was noted mid afternoon and sun shone the rest of the day.

Mr. Dick Johnson of Sanger displayed some of the artifacts that he has gathered over the years with documents and handouts that the Council would have liked to see in Shawnee in our Museum. I would like to thank Dick for sharing this part of our history with so many of us. This is the type of history that we need to share with our Brothers and Sisters and I'm sure that many have items to share. We look forward to more next year.

Again, many met cousins that they had never known and I know that I met second cousins that I had never met before. My Father, the eldest, was honored and saw first cousins he had not seen in nearly 60 years. The feelings were very intense with a warmth and affection that we need more of in this world.

The hunger was still there for more of the culture of our past and information on the language of our People and the traditional customs. We shall endeavor to make next year a dedication to that information. The "Roundfoot Drum Singers" provided wonderful entertainment and ceremony to the meeting with many participating in the dance and drumming. Many of those in attendance were moved to tears by the wonderful sound of the drum on the lake shores.

Not only were we blessed by this, but I met people from the Chippewa and Prairie Band who were in attendance. To have our cousins in attendance was indeed an honor.

Now, for some activities coming up: We note the 9th annual Red Road Pow Wow will be held on May 28, 29, 30 at the Casa De Fruta on Highway 152 near Hollister, Calif. Anyone wanting information, call our toll free number.

A new health clinic has been set up in Bakersfield and should you need information, please call us. If anyone knows of new facilities or has any announcements that would be of interest to our People in Northern California, please give me a call.

I will be listing those names of invitations that were returned undelivered and if you know their location, please give us a call.

Any history or information that you have regarding our People that you would like to share, please give a call. Thank those of you who have helped to preserve our heritage and who wish to contribute to the cultural history of the Tribe. Let us help our Council in gathering this history and information, that they might continue their efforts in running the business of our Tribe with positive input from our People.

Thank you all for making this meeting at Lake Yosemite a success, and may it grow at the continued pace. Let me have your ideas and comments.

Blessings to all!
Gary Bibb

KANSAS CITY

Bourzho Nicon,

Greetings from Kansas City to all of our fellow Potawatomis. First of all to let everyone know about the Midwest regional council meeting — it will be held at the Shawnee Mission Park in Overland Park, Kansas. This is located just off of I-435 at the 87th Street exit. We have shelters numbers one and two reserved. The date is May 15. The invitations will be sent out around the first of May with directions and a map printed on the back of the invitation. If you would like to join us in dance at the meeting, please bring your shawl or dance outfit if you have one. I am planning a program similar to the one as last year.

I will also be needing volunteers to help out with the sign-up table and a clean-up crew for after the meeting. I also need someone to be the "keeper of the fire." If you are a storyteller or know of someone who is, and would like to volunteer to do this, please let me know as soon as possible to help out with any of this.

Pow wow season is starting up again. Myself along with my extended Indian family attended the pow wow in St. Louis, Missouri, on February 26 and 27. We also went to one that was held in Moberly, Missouri on March 6 and 7. I really like these smaller pow wows because you really seem to know just about everyone there. Also, I am very proud and pleased that four of my dearest friends have started dancing. At this time they are dancing as ladies traditional cloth dancers. I am so proud of them. What a wonderful feeling it is to dance alongside of them as we celebrate our mix of different traditions, cultures and heritage of our various tribes.

For those of you who are planning to attend the Shawnee pow wow in June, please make your motel reservations now if you will be needing a room. The motels are filling up fast. There is also camping available on the pow wow grounds if you prefer to camp.

I am looking forward to meeting with all of you in May!

Megwetch,
Maryann Frank

SEATTLE

Bourzho from Washington State!

I don't know about you but with all the rain, the cold and the snow flurries, I'm more than ready to see some sunshine, particularly warm sunshine. Winter was long this year.

My thanks and deep appreciation to Rocky Barrett and to all the members of the Business Committee who accompanied him to our regional meeting March 19. It was good to see them and to get caught up with the goings-on in Shawnee. We have so much to be proud of as a tribe! I've spoken with many people from other tribes and realize how far we've come — and it's due to wise leadership and tribal involvement. Don't forget that elections are coming up — your opportunity to be heard. If you haven't mailed off and requested your ballot, you're running out of time (I have extras in the office). Let's let the Northwest count!

Sharene Matsumoto, a tribal member on the beautiful Big Island of Hawaii, recently sent me a clipping about an organization of Native Hawaiians called Alu Like and asked if there was any help for Native Americans living Hawaii. A letter to them brought a quick response and there is medical help and job training through their program. It's more emergency and referral medical care, but they can help you (they work with Alaska Natives living in the Hawaiian chain as well). So if you live in the state of Hawaii, call me for more details or contact the Alu Like office nearest you.

If you enjoyed the picnic in Spokane last year, Donna Hallgreen has offered to sponsor a picnic in the area again this year, probably mid-July (the date hasn't been confirmed yet). We may do it at her home, which is in the Newman Lake area; details will be forthcoming when I know them. You will receive flyers on all three picnics in time to attend the one of your choice — or hopefully all three! My thanks to those willing to give their time and energy to provide these fun times for us.

Did you know that they're holding Pow Wows in Hawaii? I wish I could have attended the big one that took place February 25 and 26 on the Big Island. Native Hawaiians and Native Americans got together and set up side-by-side villages, offered dance and song from both cultures, and I'm sure gave the residents a lot to think about. Sovereignty is a big issue in the Islands right now — and they're watching us as examples.

I received a packet of information last week centering around a Native American Writers Conference being held in Omak, WA July 5-9. This conference is "a direct descendant of the Native Writers' Circle of the Americas formed at the 1992 conference at Norman, Oklahoma." All Northwest Native American writers are invited to attend. For more information write to Philip H. Red-Eagle, PO Box 31416. Seattle, WA 98103-1416 and ask for the conference package. You will be invited to stay in a dorm, to camp, or you can always locate a motel. They will even be setting up a couple of teepees if you'd like to camp there.

Another opportunity for Native American writers is to become involved with Wordcraft: Circle of Native American Mentor and Apprentice Writers. Contact them at Wordcraft Circle, 2951 Ellenwood Dr., Fairfax, VA 22131-2028.

If you find a lot of things dealing with Native American writing in my column, it's because I write poetry — and have had several pieces published. And I know that there are others who share my love for the written word but don't always know how to go about having it published. I'll try to give you some ways to do it. I firmly believe that as Native Americans we need to be heard — and if we don't speak out, who will?

My daughter and I spent a fascinating morning at the Sacred Encounters exhibit in Vancouver British Columbia. The exhibit was well-presented and told strongly of the Catholic involvement with the Native people. My interest was very personal: Father DeSmet, the central personage of the exhibit, spent his first mission experience in 1841 with the Potawatomi in Council Bluffs, Iowa. It's possible that Louis Vieux was there as well. I need to check it out! The exhibit moves on to Kansas City so if you're in the area, do yourself a favor and attend!

Take time this month to watch the flowers unfold and to smell the clean spring air. Be good to yourself.

Susan Campbell

DALLAS

I should be able to report that spring is here, but our 24 degree weather certainly does not bring visions of tiptoeing through the tulips.

I have had several calls this past month that I was unable to return. I'll be glad to call back if you'll leave a number where I can reach you in the evening.

Plans are under way for our Regional Meeting. The location, Michael Lewis Park, will be the same as last year. The caterer will be the same and they have sent a menu that will surpass last year's! He even thinks he can make the Salappon this year.

I need volunteers to come early and set up and help get things going. I just know the weather will be perfect and we'll get an early start this year. Write down any questions you have for our Business Committee. And we'll have time just to visit and to make or renew acquaintances.

By now, I hope you have your invitation to the Regional Meeting and have made plans to attend. Be sure and call and let me know how many will be in your group. And if you need to speak with me, leave a number where I can reach you in the evening and I'll call you back.

We had a good time last year and I hope to see those of you who were there and those of you who were not.

Marjorie Hobdy

REGIONAL OFFICE REPORTS

DENVER

As you read this, it will hopefully be a beautiful April Day. Most of the regional council meetings will be over and this paper should be filled with the interesting pictures and stories about how much fun it is to come together once a year with our fellow Potawatomi including the business committee. Our thoughts should now be turning to our own Shawnee Pow Wow the last weekend in June, and what a truly moving and beautiful event it is. If at all possible, try to schedule some time that weekend to attend the Pow Wow as well as the general meeting and election of officers. I know that you won't be disappointed.

Soon we will be asked to vote on in the upcoming election. Do yourself and your tribe a favor, send in your request for ballot, (I have plenty of extras if you need them), study the candidates and the issues and then utilize the power of the vote that we fought so hard to get for our absentee members who cannot get to Shawnee.

I get tired of hearing people complain about the things that they feel are wrong with the administration of the Tribe, yet my first question is always did you request your ballot and vote? Most of the time the answer is no, so I figure if you don't take the time and trouble to vote, then what right do you have to complain about how things are being run? For the price of a postage stamp, everyone can have a say in the direction that our Tribe will proceed.

Also by now, I and hopefully several of our Denver members will have attended the Denver March Pow Wow and I will give you the details of that impressive event in the next issue.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Philonise Williams, our new Southwestern representative, to the family of Regional Representatives. I look forward to meeting her at the Pow Wow, and please, if I can be of any help, just give me a call.

I want to save space for those that had their Regional Meetings since the last issue, so will close with just a reminder to all of our members to give me a call if I can be of help.

Norma Whitley

PHOENIX

Bourzho from Arizona,

Early morning soft breeze, so quiet, blue blue skies with fluffy white clouds. The sun shines on them giving a pale purple tinge to the edge of them. A hawk soars effortlessly over the Saguaro (Sa-Wa-Ro) Cacti and in the distant horizon the hot air balloons are filling the sky. Oh, what a beautiful morning.

Arizona has 68 species of cacti and they all have a beauty about them — thorns and all. But the ones that I really enjoy seeing are the giant Saguaro; there are fields of them. Hillsides are covered with them. They grow to 60 feet tall and yet I am told they are very fragile. The few seeds that sprout are quickly gobbled up by birds and other animals that lie around them. Some small animals and birds make their homes in the Saguaro. It takes 60-70 years to grow their first arm and the are not full size for 150 years. They grow a red fruit in June and July and the Papago Indians gather them to make jelly. There is also a lovely flower that grows on them.

Some arms grow straight up, some curve around the body, others may have four or five around the middle like a tutu. But they are all different and fun to watch.

There is always so much going on around here. Although pow wow season is not until June and July, we just had Morning Star Fiesta with world championship dancing, beautiful arts and crafts and food.

And the following week the Heard Museum also had a large fiesta with many Native tribes displaying their work of basketry, pottery and jewelry.

For those of you who don't know about the Heard Museum, it is worth a day to visit it. The displays of Native Americans are beautiful. One whole room is filled with Kachina dolls. There are hands-on exhibits for children and grown ups alike. The displays are mostly Southwest Indian life but you do get a feeling of belonging and those of you who know about it should go and support it if you can. April 9-11 in Scottsdale, Arizona there will be an all Indian Days annual Pow Wow. Many tribes across North America will be represented displaying their arts and crafts, tradition, dancing and food. If you go wear your buttons, caps, jackets and take part in the dancing.

We have so many museums, parks, and things to see and do. I'll write more later. Please call me if I can help. If I don't know the answers, I'll find out. But let's get acquainted.

*Until next month, megwetch.
Philonise Anne Williams*

PORTLAND

Bourzho from Oregon,

Last month I told you about the pow wow that was put on by three students from Western Oregon State College. I'm sorry I didn't get their pictures in for you all to see, so I am including them in the news this month. I am very proud of these youth and wanted you to get to know them: Jason Kilby (a Potawatomi) and his two Native American friends, Anita Buitron (a Modoc-Kickapoo) and Naomi Kinney (a Warm Springs Indian). They are students at Western Oregon State College. Their first attempt at a pow wow was a huge success.

Also this month we have a Student of the Month Award given to Miss Danielle Davidson. Dani is a Potawatomi Indian, and goes to Sacred Heart Catholic School in Gervais, Oregon. She was six years old this month. Congratulations, Dani!

I traveled to Susan Campbell's Washington Regional meeting on the 19th of March. Which brings me to the business of reminding all of you in Oregon that our August meeting and pow wow is not that far off. Do I need to remind you that I am always looking for members to volunteer? You can call the office to let me know where you could help. Ancestry, name tags, story telling, concession stand, set up — believe me, there are a million things to be done.

Spring has finally got here and I thought I would give you all an idea of what I have been doing. As you know, I am managing a golf course here on the coast, as a favor to a friend of mine. He and his wife went to Chili for two years, and talked me into looking after things here. I was in golf course work for years and find it interesting and fun, after retiring, to get back to the earth again. I still have my Gervais ties but this is a little like a vacation. (sometimes, that is). Now that the sun is shining more, I am spending more time out of the office and into the fresh air and rain? Maxine is usually in the office or you can talk to my answering machine and I will get back to you soon as possible.

If you can't make it to the Oklahoma Council Meeting be sure you get the request in for an absentee ballot. Remember you do count. I also have requests for ballots in the office and I can mail one out to you.

Congratulations to Nathan Bressman, who is now in the process of enrolling himself and his two sons. Nathan is another lost Potawatomi, from Hillsboro. I keep finding them all the time.

*Megwich,
Rocky Baptiste*

Should you ever be sad or lonely, may your Spirit rise above the fogs of life and watch the Eagles fly in the sunshine ...



Anita Buitron and Naomi Kinney



Jason Kilby



Danielle Davidson



MERCED REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

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PASADENA REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

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Neddeau-Toupin Family Portrait

This Neddeau-Toupin family portrait, furnished by Jim Miller, was taken in 1902 at the government Indian school just south of Shawnee, Oklahoma. The six babies that you see would be about 92 years old today. Back row left to right: Louise Bowles, Betty Bowles, Mike Bowles, Madeline Chilson, (nee Toupin), Levi Chilson, Augusta Trousdale, Madeline Trousdale, William Trousdale, Jr., William A. Trousdale, Sr., Ethyl Trousdale, Amanda Neddeau (nee Toupin) previously Mrs. Martelle, Olive K. Neddeau, Gilbert A. Neddeau, Sr., May A. Neddeau, Therese

Tarkington (nee Toupin) previously Mrs. Tierney, Patrick Tierney. Middle row left to right: Grace Bowles, Adele Bowles (nee Toupin), Alberta Bowles, Paul Chilson, Amable Toupin, Mary M. Trousdale (nee Toupin), Eva C. Neddeau, Matty Trousdale, Therese Martelle, Bud Tarkington, Monroe Tarkington. Front Row left to right: Margaret Tierney, Andrew Bowles, Emmet Bowles, Margaret Chilson, Myrtle Chilson, Manila Chilson, Marie Chilson, Grover Martelle, Ethyl Martelle, Thomas Tierney, Bertha Tierney, Ruth Tarkington, Lawson Tarkington.

Families, error in California listing bring letters from readers

Dear Mary Farrell,

I would be thrilled to see this picture in the paper, and so would about 1,000 descendants. I'd like to thank you again for the help you've given me with my family tree. Please network my name, address, and phone number so that I can swap information with some lost cousins.

Thanks again,

Jim Miller
2215 Sunset Ave.
Indialantic, Florida 32903
(407) 773-2859

the HowNiKan and read it with great interest. I am a retired school teacher and administrator — misspelled words seem to jump out of the page at me — yet I have never found them to be so distracting that they spoiled my enjoyment of reading about my heritage. I have especially enjoyed your reprinting the wording on the many treaties that were signed, then ignored or broken by the U.S. government.

Cordially yours,

Russell Lewis
(Bergeron family)
Arcata, California

Readers likes paper in spite of error

Dear Editor:

After reading the letter to the editor in the February issue from a disgruntled California Potawatomi, I can understand why you chose to erase all Potawatomis living in this state from your "Tribal Enrollment By States" chart.

I wish to assure you, however, that there are at least eight enrolled members still calling this state home — myself, three daughters, and four grandchildren! I look forward to receiving each issue of

Criticism of chairman not justified, reader says

Dear Editor,

I sincerely regret the criticism of our esteemed chairman, Mr. Barrett, in the January issue, "for his lack of sensitivity to tribal members." I am sure Mr. Barrett meant no offense to the Jewish members as he has an open mind and, in my estimation promotes good will and understanding among all faiths. Furthermore I don't believe we Pota-

watomis "had an alien culture forced upon us by missionaries in the nineteenth century." I am almost seventy seven years of age and my Christian religion is one of the most important things in my life, handed down to me by my ancestors.

I certainly enjoyed Mr. Barrett's article in the same issue. I wish to give him my heartiest congratulations on the birth of his first grandchild, a beautiful baby girl.

Best wishes,

Anne Rudolph
Topeka, Kansas

California's still there despite earthquakes, etc.

To The Editor:

My name is Pamela A. Pertl. I am proud to be a Potawatomi Indian. I wanted to bring to your attention about the February 1994, Vol. 16, No. 2 last page, our tribal enrollment. What happened to all of us that live in California? I know we had earthquakes, fire, and some floods, but we are still here. Please write more on how we can get Indian land.

Pamela A. Pertl
Perris, California

Information on bell sought by reader

To The Editor:

Sir: I am writing in hope that you have information on the following:

When my parents, H.C. and Frances Traugh, bought the old Quinett homestead on Adylot Road north of O.B.U. in 1953, there was a one-room school house on the SW corner of the property. In the school was a large bell. The only information we have on its origins, is that it originally hung in the first Indian Protestant Mission Church in Oklahoma. The date on it is 1886, but no foundry name.

Upon the death of my parents, I gave it to my aunt, Mrs. Clara Justice, of Wichita Falls, Texas. When she no longer had use for it, I gave her permission to give it to whomever she wished. It now resides in the Church of the Savior (Baptist) in Grandview, Texas. They have requested more information.

I would appreciate any help.

Carolyn A. Boling
2227 East 35th St.
Tacoma, WA 98404

Campbell reports on Minnetrista Council meeting

By Susan Campbell

Washington State Regional Representative

The Winter Council meeting of the Minnetrista Council for Great Lakes Native American Studies was officially called to order by Nicholas Clark, Executive Director of Minnetrista Center in Muncie, Indiana, at 9:00 a.m. at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. All in attendance, representatives and their spouses, were warmly welcomed. It was an honor for me to be a part of the group. Outside it was 15 degrees and snow-blanketed; inside it couldn't have been more pleasant.

The roll call identified 16 tribal representatives present, some having travelled through near-blizzard conditions to attend. Weather prevented several members from making the trip at all or stranded them in nearby cities; it took us 17 hours to make a 7-hour trip! Of the three new tribes who have recently joined the council, the Citizen Band was the only one with a representative present, bringing the count of total tribes served by Minnetrista to 23.

The floor was then opened to comments or requests from those present. I requested prayer for our Tribal Chaplain, Norman Kiker, who was to undergo surgery in March. The Pokagon Band requested our help in supporting them for Federal Recognition.

Our first presentation was by Thomas Law of Tom Law Productions. He is preparing a documentary, "The Ancient Ones," on Ohio River Valley tribes and sought input from Council members. His hope is to make the public more aware of Woodland tribes and their unique culture. Three members will be appointed to work with him. A similar proposal made by Turner Network last fall appears to have faded so this new one will be closely monitored.

We then moved on to a discussion of the proposed charter for Minnetrista Council. It was decided we would have a Board of Directors of up to 49, one for each Woodland Tribe represented, with each tribe having one vote. There would be 2 seats-at-large, to be occupied by Dr. Mike Shinkle (a driving force behind the formation of the Council and one of its primary sponsors) and Nicholas Clark. These ex-officio officers would have no vote.

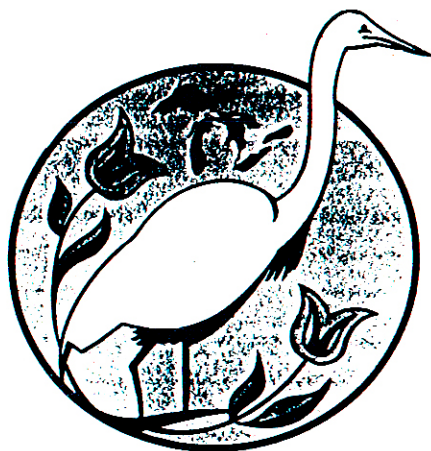
The Leadership of the Council will consist of Council Chairman, Assistant Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Directors, members of the 49 tribes. When corporation papers are drawn up, they will be signed by all current directors (now called representatives) as founders.

As our morning concluded all tribes present were invited to share news of events coming up the their tribe; I invited all present to Shawnee in June. Chief Floyd Leonard of the Miami of Oklahoma invited all Council members to Miami for Summer Council.

We listened to one last presentation before parting for lunch. The Philbrook Museum of Art in Tulsa is featuring a display through 1994 on the Lenai Lenape Big House Ceremony. A short video accompanied the invitation to visit.

We then moved on to lunch in the Alumni Dining Room at Bradley, following which we drove to Woodruff High School for an afternoon of storytelling, flute music, dancing, drumming and socializing.

Dinner was prepared for us at the high school, a meal consisting of buffalo stew, cornbread, fruit, salad, and apple crumb cake. We were welcomed by the Mayor of Peoria



who led us in singing "America the Beautiful" and then we were introduced to sportscaster Chris Shenkel, who introduced the keynote speaker of the evening, Grace Thorpe. If you don't know Grace is the daughter of Olympic Athlete Jim Thorpe. She's also a delightful person to know. She spoke about her dad, showed us a copy of his gold medal, and was photographed when a portrait of her painted by Evelyn Ritter, a noted painter of Woodland Triba Leaders in Indiana and Illinois, was unveiled. The mayor returned to the podium to present her with a key to the city. (On a personal note, Grace is my cousin, and we had a marvelous time getting to know each other!)

On Sunday we participated in two presentations. Prophetstown State Park, at the junction of Wabash and Tippecanoe Rivers in Indiana, is one I'm really watching. The Potawatomi were among the 17 tribes following the Prophet, brother of Tecumseh, and living in villages along the river. The movement died when Harrison illegally and without orders to do so crossed the river with his troops and brutally killed the people he found there. A \$15-\$20 million American Indian Cultural Center is planned for the site, to

occupy 2700 acres. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has come to Minnetrista to speak with the leaders and get our input into their project. It was interesting when an audience member decided to stand up and speak out "for the Indians" though he has no tribal affiliation; DNR now has an idea of what they can meet up with so has promised to seek further guidance from Nick as they proceed. Since I can trace my ancestry back to this region, I'm following closely their proposals.

On Sunday afternoon we participated in a Symposium presented by noted archaeologists and anthropologists from the area who work in Great Lakes Native American studies. Repatriation of artifacts and human remains was discussed, as was procedure. Questions were freely taken from the floor. A lot of interest is being shown in DNA coding connecting Native people in the Americas with ancient tribes in Asia, perhaps even people no longer represented in Asian culture. The idea of reverse migration, Ancient Ones from the Americas migrating to and populating Asia was discussed, but there isn't enough evidence to confirm this.

With this the weekend concluded and after our farewells, we were on the road to Chicago and our homeward flight (the return really did take seven hours).

In case I haven't made it clear, Minnetrista's purpose is to promote awareness of Great Lakes tribes, those still residing in the area and those removed. They hope to reach out to tribal members, to those interested in the Woodland/Great Lakes tribes in the areas of history, anthropology/archaeology, the Arts and Current Affairs. Minnetrista Council is to be run solely by Native Americans and by being on the Steering Committee now we have the opportunity to say how the organization is to be run and what its content is to be.

Since the Potawatomi are a part of the Great Lakes/Woodland tribes I believe it is important that we are represented and that we are heard. By joining the Council, we become the third Potawatomi Band to do so (the Pokagons and the Prairie Band are also members); it is my hope that working together with the other Bands we may someday regain the language and traditions which so many of us, myself included, have lost.

Aho!

Miami Nation chief dies March 2 after brief illness

Raymond O. White Jr., 56, principal chief of the Miami Nation of Indians of Indiana, died March 2, 1994, in Ball Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Mr. White was born in Muncie and was a 1956 graduate of Central High School.

As Miami tribal chairman for 8 years, Mr. White was responsible for moving the tribe to its new headquarters in the former Peru High School building. He was named chief in February 1883.

Mr. White led the Indiana Miamis' struggle for federal recognition as a tribe. A U.S. District Court in August rejected his lawsuit seeking to restore the tribal status — and the accompanying benefits — taken from members in 1897.

He recently retired from New Venture Gear. He had also worked at Guide Lamp, Anderson, and Chrysler Corp., New Castle.

He was a member of Whitney & Delaware Lodges, F&AM; Avondale United Methodist Church; Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis; Delaware County Scottish Rite Club; Avondale Sympathy Club, and United Auto Workers.

Survivors include his wife, Karen; three daughters, Cheryl Simmons (husband Bert Yancey), Atlanta, Christing Hartleroad (husband: Daric), Peru, and Karen White, Muncie, a son, Kevin White, Indianapolis; two stepsons, Rusty Love, Pensacola, Fla., and Todd Love, Muncie; two sisters, Barbara Ring, Muncie, and Sally Jo Hentze (husband Gary), Arlington, Texas; a brother-in-law, Calvin Grim, Yorktown, and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Parson Mortuary-Adams Chapter, with Rev. Pat Tobin officiating. Burial was in Gardens of Memory, north of Muncie.

Memorials may be sent to the Chief Ray White Educational Scholarship Fund for the Miami Nation of Indians of Indiana, 1045 Cherry Lane.

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Springtime meant beginning of plant gathering for tribes

(From *Smoke Signals*, May 1993) — As Indian people, we are used to know that our ancestors were hunters and gathers, and that it is the Indian Way to use the materials the earth provides — without waste. Traditionally, Indians took only what they needed, and left the rest for others. If you are interested in plant gathering, here are just a few examples of plants used by the Grand Ronde Indians and other tribes throughout the Northwest.

They were used for food, medicine, tools and baskets, charms, and other materials.

First of all, the Indians gathered obvious food sources provided by nature. A good example is berries. Northwest tribes ate gooseberries, elderberries, huckleberries, salmonberries, wild cherries and strawberries, and also crab-apples to name a few.

Another popular plant among Northwest tribes was *Camassia* quamash, or Camas.

Camas was very popular. With the exception of salmon, there was no food item more widely added than Camas. It is said to have added flavor to everything.

It grows best in open spaces and prairies.

Different tribes preserved and cooked the Camas bulbs in different ways. Some would cook them in stew with salmon, while others would mash them together with cheese for later use. The

Nisqually Indians hung them in the sun to dry out, so they would keep longer.

Another popular plant was *Lysichiton americanum*, what is commonly referred to as Skunk Cabbage.

Skunk Cabbage was used as food, but this was not the primary use. Mostly, the root of the cabbage was boiled and used as medicine. It was widely believed to be a blood purifier, and also cleaned out the bladder. It was used to soothe an upset stomach. Because it has a soothing effect, the leaves were sometimes applied to cuts, bruises, and abrasions on the outside of the body, and also used for headaches, fevers, and chest pain.

Other uses of Skunk Cabbage include: as basket liners after the leaves have been dried, or the leaves were rolled to make a cup for drinking.

Different trees were especially used, because different parts of the trees could provide many



different uses. In the west, trees like Hemlock, Pine, Yew, Douglas Fir, and Cedar all had a purpose.

For example, the wood of the Yew tree is considered to be strong, and was used for bows and arrows often. The needles could be dried and used in place of tobacco. The wood was also used for household goods like carving spoons, cooking utensils, and combs. Because the Yew was considered to be especially strong, many warriors would rub themselves with smooth Yew sticks to gain strength.

Bark from the hemlock tree was boiled, and made a reddish dye, which was used on canoes, paddles, and spears. Wood was also used as firewood.

Quinalt Indians liked to use the pitch from the trees on the face, to prevent chapping in the wind and sun. As a medicine, the bark was boiled and used as a laxative. Many would bathe in the boiled bark to help irritated skin or eyes.

The Douglas Fir was by far the most abundant in the Northwest.

Firewood was the main use, but the wood was good enough to be used for tools, torches, and harpoons to spear fish and seals. The bark would produce a brown dye which would be used on fish nets to make them invisible.

The pine cones were thought to have special powers which could influence the weather. If they are burned by the fire, they could bring on sunshine, or badly needed rain.

There are many, many other plants indigenous to the Northwest that were used by the tribes. If you are interested in learning more about the Native



American's knowledge and use of indigenous plants, there are several books on the subject available at most libraries.

How plants were named

The Chippewa had several ways of naming plants. One indicates the place where the plant grows (prairie sturgeon plant), another describes the appearance of the plant (squirrel tail). Some describe the plant taste (bitter root) while other indicate the part of the plant to be used (crow leaf).

Some names tell of the remedies use (head medicine), indicate the origin of the remedy (Winabojo remedy) or denote the power of the remedy (chief medicine). Because of this system of naming plants different species had the same name and sometimes the same plant (purple mint, for example) might have several names.

While members of the Midewiwin had specialized knowledge of many plants, each household usually had a collection of simpler remedies for common ailments.

Many Native American remedies are recognized for their healing powers and are important ingredients in modern medicines. It is not uncommon to hear of new discoveries of healing properties of plants. All of this echoes the Midewiwin belief that every tree, bush and plant has a use.

(Reprinted from *Museum Memo*, a publication of the State Historical Museum, Wis.)

Healers' knowledge of plants healed generations of Native Americans

(From *Masinaigan*, Summer 1993) — In 1918, Frances Densmore spent time with the Chippewa observing and recording their uses of plants as medicines. The following article is based upon her research.

Chippewa Indians used observation, experimentation and dreams as sources for remedies. They treated the sick by one of two methods both of which included "supernatural" aid. Plant remedies were used in one of these methods, but not the other.

Members of the Midewiwin lodge knew of a wide range of secret plant remedies. According to Midewiwin teachings, every tree, bush and plant has a use. The great variety of vegetation in the area where the Chippewa lived provided a ready storehouse of plants to provide medicines. At the time of their initiation, new members were taught to identify and use basic plants for healing. As they progressed in skill, other information was shared with them.

There was no single systematized list of remedies. Frances Densmore was told: "I can tell you about my own medicines. I do not know about other peoples' medicines nor their uses of the same plants." Indeed the same

plant might be known by different names by various healers and might have different uses. It was also common for healers to buy knowledge of plants and healing properties from elders.

Densmore reported that information about medicines was not shared openly, even to family members, without compensation. This was one way of assuring that secrecy was preserved and that the knowledge was properly respected.

By the time herbs, roots and barks had been collected and prepared for use, they could no longer be easily identified as to plant origin. Sometimes aromatic herbs were added to medicines to prevent identification of the plant source. Densmore was pleased that the Chippewa would share knowledge of healing plants with her.

Medicine plants were usually gathered in late summer and early fall, a time when they were fully developed. Then, the Chippewa traveled to locations where plants, which grew in various soils, were available. It was often customary to dig a small hole in the ground near the plant to be collected and place an offering of tobacco there. Densmore reported seeing an offering of tobacco at the base of

a tree whose bark had been used for remedies.

Roots were the most common parts of the plants to be used. Sometimes a special part of the root was believed strongest for healing. For example, the elbow portion of the dogbane root was prized. Sometimes dirt was carefully brushed from the roots, other times they were washed clean. For use, roots might be pulverized in the hands and stored for use. Sometimes a stone with a shallow depression was used, the roots being placed there and rubbed with the thumb, other roots were broken in short pieces and boiled or steeped. Sometimes roots were combined and pounded together before storage to make sure that they were fully blended. When flowers, leaves or stalks were used as remedies, they were gathered and hung upside down to dry. When dry, each variety was wrapped and tied separately for storage.

Water was often added to vegetable substances before use. Some were boiled a few moments, others were allowed to come to a boil and then removed from the fire. Others were scalded or steeped. A thin maple syrup was added to give some bitter remedies a more pleasant

flavor. Not all medications were made up from single plant. Sometimes as many as 20 vegetable substances were combined to produce a single medication.

The strength of the dose depended upon the age of the patient and the healer's experience with the medicine. A common portion was a "handful" of pulverized root to about a quart of water. A "large swallow" constituted an average dose, but a cupful was sometimes taken. The time between doses varied. When in pain, patients were told to take medicine at short intervals, about a half hour. Sometimes the instructions might be to "drink freely" or after an attack of coughing. Directions were given by the person who prepared the medication. Other instructions might include resting or fasting.

Some vegetable substances were taken internally; others were used externally. In addition, there were herbs and roots believed to act by their presence and independent of actual contact with a person. Some of these substances attracted (hunting, fishing, or love charms); others repelled (carried to keep reptiles away).

External remedies were used in the following ways:

- Fresh roots or leaves were moistened and applied.

- Dried roots or leaves were pulverized, boiled in water and the resulting liquid applied.

- Dried roots or leaves were pulverized, moistened and applied like a poultice.

- Dried roots or leaves were pulverized and strewn on hot stones, the treatment being the fumes.

- The liquid from boiling roots or leaves was sprinkled on hot stones, the treatment being the steam.

- Herbs were boiled with grease for a salve.

Internal remedies were used in these ways:

- Dried, powdered roots or leaves were either boiled or steeped in water.

- Dried powdered roots were used as snuff, or prepared with lukewarm water.

- Fresh roots or herbs were chewed.

- Slight incisions were made with a sharp instrument and dried, powdered roots placed over the incision.

- Remedies were "pricked" into the skin with a set of special needles.

- Pulverized roots were mixed with "red willow" or tobacco and smoked in a pipe.

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We really do know you're there, California — all 2,319 of you

Boy, when we goof, we *really* goof!

And we goofed big time on the tribal enrollment by states box in the February issue of the HowNiKan. Naturally, we had several calls and letters, and not all were from California, either.

Yes, California was inadvertently deleted from the chart, and the number that should have been next to that state's name wound up beside Arkansas, whose number disappeared completely. We could say the dog ate it, but the truth is that the computer ate it, and that was the result of a boo-boo by the person at the computer terminal.

There are some Potawatomis in Arkansas, but nowhere near as many as there are in California, of course, which has far and away the most tribal members of any state other than Oklahoma.

Here is the corrected chart, with our apologies to all of you for the error, especially you Californians:

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI TRIBAL ENROLLMENT BY STATES

Alabama	45	Nevada	146
Alaska	68	New Hampshire	1
Arizona	393	New Jersey	42
Arkansas	145	New Mexico	204
California	2,319	New York	91
Colorado	347	North Carolina	43
Connecticut	24	North Dakota	6
Delaware	7	Ohio	44
District of Columbia	7	Oklahoma	6,761
Florida	181	Oregon	251
Georgia	71	Pennsylvania	63
Hawaii	23	Rhode Island	5
Idaho	83	South Carolina	21
Illinois	205	South Dakota	21
Indiana	78	Tennessee	69
Iowa	43	Texas	1,566
Kansas	1,519	Utah	65
Kentucky	13	Vermont	6
Louisiana	76	Virginia	83
Maine	13	Washington	415
Maryland	28	West Virginia	5
Massachusetts	29	Wisconsin	51
Michigan	76	Wyoming	41
Minnesota	41	Puerto Rico	1
Mississippi	32	TOTAL	16,412
Missouri	388	Overseas or No Address	2565
Montana	99		
Nebraska	58	TOTAL	18,977

District court must hear suit, panel rules

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placed in trust in behalf of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

In reviewing the case, the three-judge panel noted that while an Act of Congress passed in 1872 granted authority for individual members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to be allotted land "within the Potawatomi Reservation in Oklahoma" under certain conditions, another law states that the BIA may not grant lands without the consent of the tribe which has jurisdiction. The court termed the BIA's reliance on the 1872 act "irrelevant as well as untimely."

"Upon learning of possible pending applications of the Absentee Shawnee for land trusts on the Potawatomi reservation, the Potawatomi tribe wrote the BIA to inquire about the existence of any such applications," the court wrote in its ruling. "The BIA responded by neither affirming nor denying the existence of any applications and opined that, in any case, the Potawatomi and the Absentee

Shawnee 'share a common former reservation area' and that the BIA therefore need not obtain the Potawatomis' consent to grant land trust to the Absentee Shawnee involving Potawatomi reservation land."

The court noted that the Potawatomis sued in an attempt to keep the BIA from creating new trust land for the Absentee Shawnees without Potawatomi consent. The district court threw the suit out on grounds the Absentee Shawnees Tribe wasn't a defendant along with the BIA. The three-judge panel not only said that was an abuse of discretion, it also wrote:

"The 1872 act does not create any 'undivided trust or restricted interest' of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe in the Potawatomi Tribe's land ... It merely grants the Secretary of the Interior the power to allow land to individual Absentee Shawnee tribesmen. The act does not mention any power to allot lands to the Absentee Shawnee collective as a tribe."

In addition to calling the ruling the first step in righting a 125-year-old wrong, Barrett said:

"The Potawatomi Tribe, unlike any other tribe in the history of this nation, paid cash for its reservation with every expectation that the conditions of the treaty would be honored. They were not. We lost the bulk of our land and the incredible mineral reserves under it in the Allotment Act of 1872. To compound this injury and grant another tribe equal sovereignty on our reservation was a travesty of justice doubled."

"We bear the Absentee Shawnee no ill will. Just as we allow their people to co-exist on our reservation at the turn of the century, we will extend to them the hand of friendship in a like manner at the beginning of the millennium. That does not mean we intend to give up the sovereign rights our tribe has had since time immemorial and recognized by the U.S. Congress over this territory."

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